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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

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AMBASSADOR HELMS HAS REPORTED HIS BELIEF THAT DURING THE SHAH'S VISIT TO MOSCOW EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE SOVIETS SUBJECTED HIM TO CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON THE IRAQI ISSUE. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE SHAH GAVE THE USSR ANY SPECIFIC UNDERTAKINGS ON THE KURDISH PROBLEM, BUT HE DID STATE PUBLICLY THAT IRAN WOULD CONTINUE ITS BILATERAL TALKS AIMED AT ENDING ITS DIFFERENCES WITH IRAQ.

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AS AMBASSADOR HELMS REPORTS, THIS SUBJECT ALMOST CERTAINLY AROSE DURING THE SHAH'S TALKS IN MOSCOW.
DESPITE SOVIET SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS AGAINST THE KURDS, IRAQI AND SOVIET RELATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE DETERIORATED OVER A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF EFFORTS BY SADDAM HUSSEIN OVER THE PAST YEAR TO MODIFY

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IRAQ'S FOREIGN POLICY AND EASE ITS ISOLATION. BAGHDAD APPARENTLY FEELS THAT MOSCOW HAS BEEN DRAGGING ITS HEELS ON DELIVERIES IT ARMS AND AMMUNITION, FORCING THE IRAQIS TO TURN TO WESTERN POWERS, THIRD WORLD SOURCES, AND OTHER ARAB NATIONS FOR ARMS. BAGHDAD HAS ALSO COMPLAINED, IN TALKS WITH THE EGYPTIANS, OF THE BLUNTNESS OF SOVIET DIPLOMACY. COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY BREZHNEV INFORMED BAGHDAD HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT IRAQ NEXT JANUARY, WITHOUT SOLICATING THE CUSTOMARY INVITATION FROM THE HOST GOVERNMENT. BAGHDAD APPARENTLY HAS AGREED, HOWEVER, SINCE THE USSR ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT IRAQ IN LATE JANUARY -- PRESUMABLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH VISITS TO EGYPT AND SYRIA.

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, HOWEVER, THE IRANIANS HAVE DECIDED TO KEEP THEIR ARTILLERY INSIDE IRAQI KURDISTAN FOLLOWING SPECIFIC FIRE MISSIONS, RATHER THAN MOVE IT BACK INSIDE IRANIAN TERRITORY AS IN THE PAST. WHETHER THIS MORE ACTIVE MILITARY POLICY WILL CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE SHAH'S TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. (OAKLEY/HOUGHTON/NIEHUSS)

PLO OFFICE TO BE OPENED IN CUBA: PLO LEADER YASIR ARAFAT ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS WHILE HE WAS VISITING CUBA THAT A PLO OFFICE WILL BE OPENED IN HAVANA. HE SAID THE ACTION WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE SOLIDARITY OF THE PALESTINIAN AND CUBAN PEOPLES. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN HAVANA BELIEVES THE OFFICE MAY BE USED AS A BASE FOR CARRYING ON PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. (LOW)

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